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**BUSINESS REPORT**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Monday, February 9, 2015  
**Place:** Capitol

**Time:** 3:00 PM  
**Room:** 455

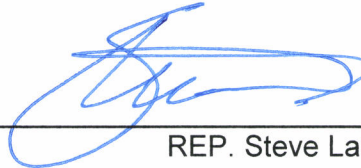
**BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:**

HB 387 - Revise county transportation committee laws - Rep. Nate McConnell  
HJ 9 - Joint resolution to support passenger rail - Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill  
HJ 10 - Interim study on passenger rail - Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill

**EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:**

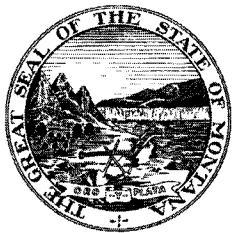
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SB 117	Be Concurred In
HB 387	Do Pass
HJ 9	Do Pass
HJ 10	Do Pass

**Comments:**



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REP. Steve Lavin, Chair



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# MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

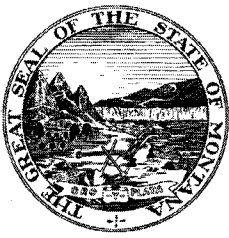
## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

### ROLL CALL

DATE Feb 9, 2015

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT/EXCUSED
REP. STEVE LAVIN, CHAIRMAN	✓	
REP. CHRISTY CLARK, VICE CHAIR	✓	
REP. NANCY WILSON, VICE CHAIR	✓	
REP. ROB COOK		✓
REP. WILLIS CURDY	✓	
REP. CLAYTON FISCUS	✓	
REP. FRANK GARNER	✓	
REP. GEORGE KIPP III	✓	
REP. MARGIE MACDONALD		✓
REP. WENDY MCKAMEY	✓	
REP. MIKE MILLER	✓	
REP. LEE RANDALL		✓
REP. BRIDGET SMITH	✓	
REP. KATHY SWANSON	✓	

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# MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

### ROLL CALL VOTE

BILL NUMBER HB 346

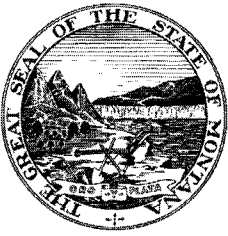
DATE Feb 9, 2015

MOTION Do Pass

NAME	AYE	NO	PROXY
REP. CHRISTY CLARK, VICE CHAIR	✓		
REP. NANCY WILSON, VICE CHAIR		✓	
REP. LEE RANDALL		✓	✓
REP. MARGIE MACDONALD		✓	✓
REP. CLAYTON FISCUS	✓		
REP. BRIDGET SMITH	✓		
REP. ROB COOK	✓		
REP. KATHY SWANSON		✓	
REP. MIKE MILLER	✓		
REP. WILLIS CURDY		✓	
REP. WENDY MCKAMEY	✓		
REP. FRANK GARNER	✓		
REP. GEORGE KIPP III	✓		
REP. STEVE LAVIN, CHAIRMAN		✓	

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# MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

### ROLL CALL VOTE

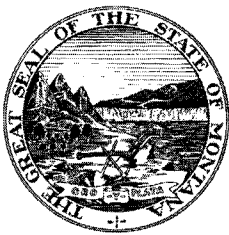
BILL NUMBER AB 117

DATE Feb 9, 2015

MOTION Be Concurred in

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REP. NANCY WILSON, VICE CHAIR	✓		
REP. LEE RANDALL	✓		✓
REP. MARGIE MACDONALD	✓		✓
REP. CLAYTON FISCUS	✓		
REP. BRIDGET SMITH	✓		
REP. ROB COOK	✓		
REP. KATHY SWANSON	✓		
REP. MIKE MILLER	✓		
REP. WILLIS CURDY	✓		
REP. WENDY MCKAMEY	✓		
REP. FRANK GARNER	✓		
REP. GEORGE KIPP III	✓		
REP. STEVE LAVIN, CHAIRMAN		✓	

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## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

### ROLL CALL VOTE

BILL NUMBER HJ 9

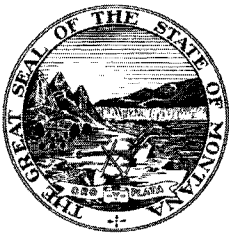
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REP. LEE RANDALL		✓	✓
REP. MARGIE MACDONALD	✓		
REP. CLAYTON FISCUS	✓		
REP. BRIDGET SMITH	✓		
REP. ROB COOK		✓	
REP. KATHY SWANSON	✓		
REP. MIKE MILLER		✓	
REP. WILLIS CURDY	✓		
REP. WENDY MCKAMEY	✓		
REP. FRANK GARNER		✓	
REP. GEORGE KIPP III	✓		
REP. STEVE LAVIN, CHAIRMAN		✓	

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# MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

### ROLL CALL VOTE

BILL NUMBER HJ 10

DATE Feb 9, 2015

MOTION Do Pass

NAME	AYE	NO	PROXY
REP. CHRISTY CLARK, VICE CHAIR		✓	
REP. NANCY WILSON, VICE CHAIR	✓		
REP. LEE RANDALL		✓	✓
REP. MARGIE MACDONALD	✓		
REP. CLAYTON FISCUS	✓		
REP. BRIDGET SMITH	✓		
REP. ROB COOK		✓	
REP. KATHY SWANSON	✓		
REP. MIKE MILLER		✓	
REP. WILLIS CURDY	✓		
REP. WENDY MCKAMEY	✓		
REP. FRANK GARNER		✓	
REP. GEORGE KIPP III	✓		
REP. STEVE LAVIN, CHAIRMAN		✓	

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## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Transportation** recommend that **House Bill 346** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass**.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Representative Steve Lavin, Chair*

- END -

**Committee Vote:**

**Yes 8, No 6**

Fiscal Note Required   X  

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## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Transportation** recommend that **Senate Bill 117** (third reading copy -- blue) **be concurred in.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Representative Steve Lavin, Chair*

To be carried by Representative Rob Cook

- END -

**Committee Vote:**

**Yes 13, No 1**

Fiscal Note Required   X  

SB0117001SC12598.hbb

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9:30



## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Transportation** recommend that **House Bill 387** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass**.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Representative Steve Lavin, Chair*

- END -

**Committee Vote:**

**Yes 14, No 0**

Fiscal Note Required \_\_\_\_

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## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Transportation** recommend that **House Joint Resolution 9** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Representative Steve Lavin, Chair*

- END -

**Committee Vote:**

**Yes 9, No 5**

Fiscal Note Required ☐

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## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Transportation** recommend that **House Joint Resolution 10** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass**.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Representative Steve Lavin, Chair*

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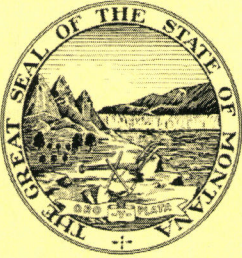
**Committee Vote:**

**Yes 8, No 6**

Fiscal Note Required ☐

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# MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE PROXY

I request to be excused from the House Transportation

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Rep. Steven Lavin

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE

NO

HB 346		X
SB 117	X	
HJ 9		X
HJ 10		X
HB 387	X	

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE

NO


Rep.

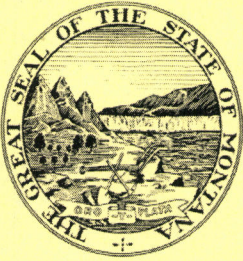
(Signature)

See R. Kelly

Date

2/9/15





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# MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE PROXY

I request to be excused from the Transportation

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Nancy Wilson

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

HB 346		X
SB 117	X	
HB 387	X	
HB 9		
HB 10		


Rep.

Raymond E. McQuinn  
(Signature)

Date





# VISITORS REGISTER

DATE Feb 9, 2015

BILL NO: 779

SPONSOR(S): Rep. Hill

SHORT TITLE: Joint resolution to support passenger rail

Please leave prepared testimony with secretary.

Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

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# VISITORS REGISTER

BILL NO: H3 387

SHORT TITLE: Revise county transportation committee laws

Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

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# ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

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Joe McHugh  
Vice President, Government Affairs and Corporate Communications

August 15, 2011

The Honorable Jon Tester  
United States Senate  
724 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Tester:

Thank you for your recent request for information on Amtrak federal funding needs for the next few fiscal years.

Amtrak has published information about its appropriations levels in the Fiscal 2011 Budget and Comprehensive Business Plan and in the FY2011-2015 Five Year Business Plan. The table below lists actual and projected federal funding needs by major category of federal grants. The table assumes no major change in the network of services that we provide. Note that for FY11, the figures are what has already been appropriated and reflect an \$81 million cut compared to the FY10 level. For FY12, the figures are what we have requested.

(\$ millions)	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15
Operating	561.9	616.0	631.0	651.0	671.0
Capital	649.1	1,325.0	1,325.0	1,397.2	1,208.7
Debt Service	263.0	270.6	212.9	181.4	127.8
Total, federal grants	1,474.0	2,211.6	2,168.9	2,229.6	2,007.5

The second part of your question had to do with the impact on the above figures of removing long-distance train services from Amtrak's network. Those figures appear below, though they would change depending on the point in time a decision was made to proceed with eliminating the long-distance trains, an action that requires advance notice. Also, because we have not performed an analysis of the impact of eliminating long-distance service on capital and debt service, the differences between the table above and the table below are limited to the operating figures. In the event of an elimination of long-distance service, some capital costs for stations and rolling stock used only for that service might be reduced. The FY11 column below is unchanged because any decision made about long-distance service now would have no impact in FY11, given the little time remaining in this fiscal year.



*The Honorable Jon Tester*

*August 15, 2011*

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<u>(\$ millions)</u>	<u>FY11</u>	<u>FY12</u>	<u>FY13</u>	<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY15</u>
Operating	561.9	892.7	851.5	810.4	805.7
Capital	649.1	1,325.0	1,325.0	1,397.2	1,208.7
Debt Service	263.0	270.6	212.9	181.4	127.8
Total, federal grants	1,474.0	2,488.3	2,389.4	2,389.0	2,142.2

As illustrated above, the operating grant requirement is higher in the absence of long-distance services, even as Amtrak would be providing less service nationwide and employing fewer people. This is due primarily to the significant labor protection payments that Amtrak would have to provide to employees impacted by the service reductions. Though the payments end after five years, the final, net reduction in operating costs would be modest due to the fact that many of the costs associated with long-distance services are shared with other parts of the national network and would remain in the absence of the long-distance services.

Accordingly, it is preferable to continue operating the entire Amtrak network, not just for budget purposes but also for the mobility, commercial, and environmental reasons that you stated in your network. We would be happy to provide a more detailed briefing to you or your staff, if desired. Thank you again for writing and for your support of passenger train service in Montana and across the country.

Sincerely,

Joe McHugh

*Vice President*

*Government Affairs and Corporate Communications*



# ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

2/9/15

Montana House Transportation Committee

## Testimony in support of HJ 9 and HJ 10

Mr. Chairman, committee members, and Representative Hill,

My name is Dave Strohmaier, and I'm a former city councilman and resident of Missoula. I'm here urging your support of House Joint Resolutions 9 and 10.

In the early 1890s, my great grandfather would have taken the Northern Pacific Railroad to arrive in Butte, where he worked as a butcher. Around 1914, my grandfather on the other side of the family would have taken the Great Northern to Wolf Point, en route to his homestead near Vida. For over a century, passenger rail has been a vital piece of Montana's heritage and transportation infrastructure. Today, the Empire Builder, one of the most popular long-distance trains in the country, remains an important link to communities along the Hi-Line, seeing nearly 118,000 boardings and alightings in FY 2014 (52,000 of which were in Whitefish, alone), and directly contributing over \$5 million in payroll and procurement contracts. Southern Montana has been without regular passenger rail service since 1979.

HJ 9 recognizes the importance of passenger rail to Montana's communities and economy, and urges our congressional delegation and the federal government to make passenger rail a priority—upgrading infrastructure along the Hi-Line to eliminate delays and making restoration of passenger rail service in southern Montana a priority. HJ 10 proactively establishes an interim committee of the legislature to investigate how to improve passenger rail service, including the possibility of establishing a dedicated citizen commission to oversee passenger rail in the state.

If ever there was a day when airlines and flying were glamorous, it's not anymore, and passenger rail provides an added transportation option for seniors, tourists, and business travelers. While representing the 10,000 constituents of my ward in Missoula, I found passenger rail to hold strong bipartisan support. I urge your support of both resolutions, acknowledging passenger rail as an important component of Montana's transportation future.

Thank you.

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